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(54) **ROOT-PREFERRED PROMOTER FROM A
BRACHYPODIUM DISTACHYON
METALLOTHIONEIN-LIKE GENE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

This disclosure concerns compositions and methods for
promoting transcription of a nucleotide sequence in a plant
or plant cell, employing a promoter from a *Brachypodium*
distachyon metallothionein-like gene (mtl). Some embodi-
ments relate to a promoter from a *Brachypodium distachyon*
metallothionein-like gene (mtl) that functions in plants to
promote transcription of operably linked nucleotide
sequences.

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